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CEN. YOUNG HEARD FROM.

Gen. Otis Cables That the Missing General Arrived at Vigan on Tuesday Evening.

HE STRUCK THE ENEMY AT NARBACAN.

They Were Driven Eastward Into San Quentin Canyon, and the Troops Are Pressing Them Back Over a Rough Country that is Strongly Intrenched.

Washington, Dec. 7.—To the relief of the war department, Gen. Young has been heard from after a week's absence in the interior of Luzon. Gen. Otis cabled as follows:

"Manila, Dec. 7.—Secretary of War Washington: Gen. Young reports his arrival at Vigan on the evening of the 5th, having encountered a force of the enemy at Narbacan, 12 miles south of the city, whom he drove to the eastward of the same, into San Quentin canyon. His troops are now pressing them back. The country is extremely rough and strongly intrenched. About 600 prisoners, who escaped, reported that the insurgents allowed all but the Americans and prominent Spanish prisoners to escape from Bangued. Later the insurgents were driven back into the mountains. Will send transportation with subsistence and medical supplies to Vigan to-morrow, to bring the prisoners to Manila and to supply Young's troops with necessary quartermaster's stores.

Our casualties were one killed and 12 wounded, wounds mostly slight. The enemy left in the trenches 25 dead, a few rifles, several thousand rounds of small ammunition and 40 shrapnel. Young has sufficient troops to meet all difficulties.

"OTIS."

The Situation in Luzon.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Gen. Otis has cabled the war department as follows respecting the military situation in Luzon:

"Manila, Dec. 7.—In central Luzon there is no insurgent force of importance except in Bulacan province, near the mountains, where Gen. Pilar holds together 1,000 or more men, which will be attacked soon. Gen. Grant has moved a small column down the east coast of Bulacan province, encountering little opposition. A column moving westward toward the mountains is expected to reach the western coast of Luzon on the 10th inst. Many small insurgent armed bands are in the country robbing, and in some instances murdering the inhabitants, which are being pursued by troops quite successfully.

"To the south of Manila, the insurgents still maintain their positions, but the necessary force to scatter them will be sent there soon."

Mutiny of Native Police in Negros.
Manila, Dec. 7, 7:30 p. m.—There has been a mutiny of native police in one of the towns of the island of Negros. An American officer was killed. No particulars have yet been received.

DISCOVERED BY KILLDUFF.

A Young New Yorker Who, the Police Thought, Was Too Industrious in Discovering Fires.

New York, Dec. 7.—Edward Killduff, 25 years of age, has been arrested on a charge of arson.

There was a fire two hours earlier at 754 Eighth avenue. A bundle of newspapers had been placed in the lower hallway and set on fire. Killduff "discovered" the blaze, turned in an alarm and roused the tenants. One hour later there was another alarm at 762. Two piles of papers had been placed in the hallway and were burning fiercely when Killduff called a policeman.

The policeman recalled that Killduff had sent in the alarm for the first fire and arrested him. Killduff denied that he knew anything of the origin of the other fire.

AS VIEWED IN RUSSIA.

Comment on President McKinley's Alliance Utterances by the Novoe Vremya.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—The Novoe Vremya, commenting upon President McKinley's message to congress, says: "The statement that the United States declines all alliances serves as a reply to Mr. Chamberlain. Great Britain's feelings of kinship with the United States will last as long as it is to the advantage of England. The present feeling of kinship is one of the most singular episodes in contemporary history."

To Hear the Quay Case.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate committee on privileges and elections arranged the preliminaries for the consideration of the protests against Senator Quay, Clark and Scott. In the Quay case it was decided to hear counsel, on Saturday, the 15th inst., and that the hearing should be concluded on that date. Only legal questions are involved in this case.

OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

The Boers besieging Ladysmith seem to take especial delight in throwing their long-range shells into the British hospital, which is almost in ruins.

A Frankfort (Ky.) dispatch of Wednesday night tells of seven deaths by personal violence in that state within six hours.

In a sortie from Kimberley, Maj. Scott-Turner and a lieutenant were killed, a captain and two lieutenants were wounded, while the losses among the British non-commissioned officers and men were 20 killed and 28 wounded.

The postmasters of Illinois have perfected a state organization. The senate confirmed the nomination of Elihu B. Root to be secretary of war.

The Mountain Valley Spring hotel, 14 miles from Hot Springs, Ark., was burned Wednesday. The guests escaped.

Arnold Tschschmidt, the defaulting cashier in the internal revenue office at St. Louis, has been released on bond. A man living near New Haven, Conn., is building an ark. He believes that the country will be destroyed by flood next summer.

Express Messenger R. F. Stout was killed at Tipton, Mo., by the sudden stopping of his train while he was looking out the car door. The heavy door closed and crushed his head. The caucus of house republicans unanimously approved the currency bill and recommended its immediate passage. Two minor amendments were adopted.

Among the resolutions introduced in the senate was one to make polygamy a crime and another to extend sympathy to the Boers in their war with Great Britain.

The Salvation army at St. Louis is preparing to give a Christmas dinner to at least 5,000 persons, who would otherwise go hungry. Plans for the dinner are practically completed.

The jury at El Reno, Okla., in the Fred Jones murder case, rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree. Jones killed City Marshal Jackson in Oklahoma City two years ago. H. B. Wycker was killed at his home in Winston county, Miss. This is a continuation of the Johnson killings, and makes four white men and two negroes who have been killed in the feud.

A seat in the New York stock exchange was sold Wednesday night for \$40,000, the highest price ever paid.

The grand jury at St. Louis has returned three new indictments, charging manslaughter in the first degree, against Mrs. Henrietta Bamberger, the midwife, in place of the three which were quashed on a technicality.

The pope is suffering from a sudden cold, and experiences some difficulty in breathing. Dr. Lappini, his physician, has ordered him to remain in bed. It is reported from Cape Town that the Transvaal government still refuses to acknowledge the right of the United States to interfere regarding prisoners in Pretoria.

Cavite province, Luzon, will be the seat of an active campaign when enough troops arrive to shut off all avenues of escape, unless an unexpected surrender occurs.

The four congressmen from Nebraska ask Gov. Paynter to appoint former Senator Allen to the seat in the senate made vacant by the death of Senator Hayward.

Hellbent Geronimo, the St. Louis county (Mo.) horse thief, was detected in ambush waiting to kill his jailer at Clayton and escape. He and other prisoners were at once taken to the penitentiary.

The question whether Congressmen-elect Roberts will be entitled to pay pending the investigation of charges against him will come up when the speaker issues salary certificates on January 1.

CASE OF FREDERICK T. MOORE.

Chili Grants the United States Until December 25 to Establish Its Claim to the Prisoner.

Santiago, De Chili, Dec. 7, via Galveston.—The supreme court has confirmed the decision of a lower court allowing the United States forty days, the time expiring December 25, in which to present documents to prove the identity and guilt of Frederick T. Moore, arrested here on the charge of embezzling \$5,000 from the National Bank of Commerce, Boston, Mass.

BODY OF A MURDERED MAN.

Suspicious Facts Point to a Cousin of the Murdered Man and Two Others as the Murderers.

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 7.—The body of a murdered man has been found in the shoe shop of Giuseppe Silva, in Greenfield. The head had been crushed.

Silva and two of his friends have been missing since Thanksgiving day. The body was identified later as that of Paul's cousin, Giuseppe De Angelis, 40 years old, a laborer. He had a good record of money with him when he went to due with Silva at Thom's salving.

Passed the Third Reading.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The Reichstag passed the third reading of the bill repealing the law prohibiting workmen's associations.

EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE.

The Nolde & Horst Hosiery Mill at Reading, Pa., Set on Fire and Destroyed.

TWO KNOWN DEAD AND THREE MISSING.

Six Hundred Girls Were Employed in the Mill, and Many of Them Received Serious Injuries in Making Their Escape From the Burning Building.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 7.—An explosion of gasoline in the singing room of the Nolde & Horst hosiery factory set fire to the building, and the plant was completely destroyed. It was valued at \$250,000, on which there is an insurance of \$150,000. There were about 600 girls in the building, and these crowded to the roof and fire escapes. The fire spread with alarming rapidity, and they were thrown into a general panic. Many jumped to the ground, and it is said at least 50 were injured. Some are reported to be in a critical condition.

At 2:30 p. m. two bodies were recovered from the ruins. They were unrecognizable, being burned to a crisp. Three girls are reported missing from their homes, and the presumption is that they were burned to death.

CUBANS AT TAMPA EXCITED.

They are Incendiary in Their Language Regarding the American Occupation of Cuba.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 7.—Cubans here are much excited over several speeches which were made in cigar factories by Cubans whose names will not be revealed. The speakers were bitter and incendiary in their language regarding the American occupation of Cuba and advocated the use of force and dynamite to rid the island of all Americans.

There are several thousand Cubans in Tampa, and it is believed these orators have come from Cuba to excite the colony and to raise money largely to carry out some plan of insurrection.

Contest Abandoned.

New York, Dec. 7.—The contest of the will of ex-Judge Henry Hilton, instituted by his son Henry C. Hilton, who was cut off with the interest of \$50,000, which he was to share with his wife, has been abandoned, a settlement having been effected with the other heirs.

General Increase in Wages.

Leicester, Me., Dec. 7.—The mills of this state will grant the general increase in wages now being arranged in cotton manufacturing towns of New England. Notices of a ten per cent. advance are being posted gradually through the cotton districts of Maine.

French Favorably Impressed.

New York, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Paris says: Nearly all the Paris papers accord the place of honor on their front pages to comments on President McKinley's message, which has caused a most favorable and friendly impression.

Flood in the Stuck River Valley.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—Practically the whole of the Stuck River Valley is one vast sheet of water. The water itself is in a raging flood, destroying acres of the most productive land in the state, and threatening some substantial buildings.

Amalgamated Meat Cutters.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen association took up the subject of the wage scale, and nearly the entire session was devoted to its discussion. Final action was deferred until Friday.

Nominations Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate, in executive session, confirmed the following appointments: Joseph E. Eifer, of Illinois, to be a commissioner of interstate commerce; Frederick W. Wines, of Illinois, to be assistant director of the census.

In Secret Session.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Fifty soft coal operators from all parts of the state met in secret session here to discuss plans for the joint conference of employers and miners to be held at Indianapolis in January.

In a Dangerous Condition.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 7.—Rev. David B. Cheney, pastor of the First Baptist church, who was shot by a burglar at his home, Wednesday, is lying in a dangerous condition with a bullet in his breast and another in his left groin. Mrs. Cheney may recover.

Charged With Robbing Hotels.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Win. Marvin and his wife, both stylishly dressed, have been arrested and lodged in the city prison, charged with robbing several hotels of valuable articles. A satchel filled with valuable jewelry was found in Marvin's possession.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

All Reported Quiet by the Boers Except at Kimberley—The Tugela Bridge Ruined.

Pretoria, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Official dispatches received here from the different Boer forces say all is quiet except at Kimberley, where an armored train made a sortie this morning.

The Orange Free State has proclaimed the annexation of Dordrecht, about fifty miles north of Queenstown, Cape Colony.

The Tugela bridge, it is also announced, is so completely ruined that it will be a work of great magnitude for either belligerents to restore it. The British fired on some republican scouts, south of the Tugela, this morning. There were no casualties.

A newspaper correspondent named Lynch, who entered the Boer lines at Ladysmith, on Monday, with the alleged purpose of exchanging newspapers, has been made a prisoner, and will be brought back to Pretoria.

In Communication with Kimberley.

London, Dec. 7.—The war office here has received the following message from Gen. Forestier-Walker, the British commander at Cape Town:

Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Gen. Methuen wires to-day that he has resumed command, and is nightly in communication with Kimberley. The health of the troops is excellent.

President Steyn at the Front.

London, Dec. 7.—The announcement is made in a special dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated Sunday, December 3, that President Steyn of the Orange Free State has joined the Boer forces of the Modder river. His appearance, the dispatch says, caused great enthusiasm among the Boers.

Gen. Clerly's Intentions.

New York, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Gen. Clerly is gradually preparing to turn the Boer position at Colenso and relieve Ladysmith, while Lord Methuen holds Gen. Cronje's forces at Spytfontein and Jacobsdale, and Gen. Gatacre is playing with the Free States riders among the Dutch villages of the disaffected district of Cape Colony.

RELIC SEEKERS NUMEROUS.

Mementoes of the Maysville (Ky.) Horror in Demand by Relic Hunters.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 7.—There were many visitors to the cricket grounds, where Richard Coleman, colored, the assassin and murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrooke, was tortured and burned to death Wednesday. There is a craze among the visitors for relics. The tree has been cut up, and even the cinders and other charred articles have been gathered up. After the coroner rendered a verdict, Wednesday night, of "death at the hands of unknown persons," the ashes of Coleman's body were placed in a tin can. The body was reduced to ashes with the exception of a small part of the skull and two other small pieces of bone. At the request of Coleman's mother, who is employed as a domestic here, the coroner buried the can of ashes in a potter's field. The city and surrounding country is quiet. Judge Hargis adjourned court until Monday so that there would be no occasion for crowds about the courthouse or elsewhere, and it is intimated that the court is considering plans for the apprehension of the leaders in the mob. The people here are congratulating themselves that the governor was unable to get the militia here in time to assist the sheriff and his deputies.

The belief is expressed generally that the grand jury will not attempt to make indictments.

"If you honors will permit," said Judge Hargis, concluding, "I will close by reading, as I am so tired that I have not sufficient energy left to give their dues to this crowd of criminals." (Shaking his hand toward the republican attorneys.) It would take me a week to read their title clear to mansions below."

Judge Hargis concluded at 12:18, having spoken for three hours. Judge Pryor announced that the board would take the arguments under advisement, and make their decision known Friday or Saturday.

Relieved as Indian Agent.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Maj. Albert E. Woodson, Ninth United States cavalry, has been relieved from duty as acting Indian agent at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency, Oklahoma, and ordered to report by telegraph to the commanding general department of the Colorado, for assignment to a station.

Sentenced to Be Electrocut.

Sandusky, O., Dec. 7.—In the common pleas court here, Judge Buckland overruled the motion for a new trial for David Wingett, an inmate of the soldiers' home here, who recently murdered Frederick Blanche, a farmer who lived near the home, and sentenced Wingett to be electrocuted May 11, 1900.

Alleged Forger Under Arrest.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The police state that a string of evidence has been completed which shows that Herman Valentine, the alleged hotel swindler, now under arrest in Chicago is one of the most extensive forgers ever been apprehended in this country.

SHORT DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate Invited to Attend the George Washington Centennial Memorial Services.

DEWEY IS TO DELIVER THE ORATION.

Rights of Certain Senators to Their Seats to be Investigated—The House Financial Bill to Come Up Monday, Under Special Rule, for Debate.

Senate.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Rev. Stowell L. Bryant, of the Methodist Episcopal church, pronounced the invocation at the opening of the session of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Hale (Me.), it was decided that when the senate adjourn for the day it be until Monday next.

An invitation was extended, through President pro tem Frye, to the senate to attend the George Washington centennial memorial services to be held in this city on Thursday, December 14, under the auspices of the Improved Order of Red Men. Senator Dewey is to deliver the oration upon the occasion.

Mr. Chandler (N. H.) offered resolutions instructing the committee on privileges and elections to investigate the right of Wm. A. Clark, of Montana, and Nathan E. Scott, of West Virginia, to seats in the senate, and to take the testimony. The resolutions were referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

Mr. Perry (Ark.) offered a joint resolution in favor of the election of United States senators by the people, and gave notice that at a later date he would address the senate upon this subject.

At 12:50 p. m. the senate went into executive session, and at 1:05 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

House.

Before the house met the republican and democratic leaders attempted to perfect an agreement for the debate on the financial bill, which is to begin next Monday. But the negotiations failed. The republican leaders then decided to resort to a special rule to be brought in Friday. Mr. Overstreet (Ind.), who is to have charge of the bill, introduced the formal resolution for a special order upon which the committee on rules will act. It provides for the consideration of the bill, beginning on Monday, and continuing until a date to be decided upon by the committee on rules.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, the speaker announced the appointment of the committee on rules.

Upon the motion of Mr. Grosvenor (O.), the resolution was adopted to print 5,000 copies of the opinion of the supreme court in the case of the Adyastone Pipe and Steel Co., et al., appellants, vs. the United States, for the use of the house. This is the anti-trust decision of the supreme court.

Mr. Mercer (Neb.) then announced the death of the late Representative Greene, of Nebraska, and after the adoption of the customary resolution, at 12:55 p. m., as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

ARGUMENTS CONTINUED.

Judge Hargis Talks for the Democrats Before the Kentucky Board of Election Commissioners.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 7.—Judge Hargis, democrat, opened his argument before the election commissioners with a strong arraignment of the tactics alleged to have been pursued by the republicans in the city of Louisville. He declared that by reason of the militia and United States marshals, who were gathered in the city, the democratic ticket was deprived of 10,000 votes. He declared the conduct of the republicans in Jefferson county was a deliberate and criminal usurpation of power. The judicial acts of Judge Toney in issuing orders of court directed against democratic election officials were also declared to be an unlawful assumption of authority. Judge Hargis then turned his attention to the republican state officials, who had, he declared, filled the streets of Frankfort with "a drunken and lawless mob" on the first day of the meeting of the canvassing board for the purpose of overawing the board in the discharge of its sworn duties.

Commissioner Ellis said to-day there was little probability of a decision of the board being reached before Saturday morning.

FOUND DEAD IN A PASTURE.

George H. Sawyer Killed as the Result of a Runaway Between Denver and Golden, Col.

Golden, Col., Dec. 7.—George F. Sawyer, foreman of the Veto ranch, was found dead in a pasture southeast of Golden. Sawyer drove to Denver, Saturday, for supplies, and while returning his team ran away, throwing him out, and so seriously injuring him as to render him helpless. The body was found three days later, frozen stiff, and surrounded by coyotes. Sawyer was about 45 years of age, was well-known in Washington, and his relatives living at Georgetown, D. C.

THE ROBERTS COMMITTEE.

First Session of the Special Committee to Investigate Brigham H. Roberts' Case.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The special committee of the house appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Roberts, the Mormon representative elect from Utah, held its first meeting behind closed doors. The meeting was called for the purpose of determining the method of procedure in the case. It was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Taylor, of Ohio. All the other members of the committee were present, Messrs. Morris, of Minnesota; Greer, of West Virginia; Littlefield, of Maine; McPherson, of Iowa; Landis, of Indiana, republicans, and DeArmond, of Missouri; Lanham, of Texas, and Miers, of Indiana, democrats. Little progress was made.

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Thought They May Have Had a Hand in Shooting Mr. and Mrs. Cheney at Racine, Wis.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 7.—Two men, one of whom answers the description of the Racine burglar who shot Rev. D. B. Cheney and his wife, were arrested here and will be taken to Racine. They give their names as James Raymond and Thomas Martin. One of the men carried a revolver. They claim to have just arrived from Harvard, Ill.

THE NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

E. Benjamin Andrews, Superintendent of Chicago Schools, Likely to be Chosen Chancellor.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—A meeting of the board of regents of the Nebraska university is called for next Tuesday, at Lincoln, and it appears likely that a chancellor will be selected to succeed MacLean, who resigned and has gone to Iowa university. While not given out officially, it is understood that E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the Chicago city schools, and formerly president of Brown university, will be the man. It is given out that he has indicated that he will accept if tender is made him. The action, if taken at this meeting, will be with the complete acquiescence of the two regents who take their seats January 1, and is taken at this time in order that the university may not be without a head.

A Welcome Increase.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 7.—Agent Charles D. McDuffie, of the Manchester cotton mills, has announced that his mills will grant an increase of ten per cent. on December 15. In all, nearly 15,000 hands are affected by the new schedule here, meaning an increase of nearly \$600,000 a year in wages.

Collided With a Lightship.

London, Dec. 7.—The British ship Ardencraig, from San Francisco, July 21, for Leith, collided with the South Goodwin lightship in the English channel in a fog. The light was extinguished, and the lightship's rail was damaged. The injury to the Ardencraig is not known.

Resigned.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—George S. Tyler has tendered his resignation as assistant general freight agent of the Chicago & Alton railroad, to take effect December 31. Mr. Tyler has been with the Alton for 20 years.

A Source of Satisfaction.

New York, Dec. 7.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Considerable satisfaction is felt in official circles at the awakening of Germany to the need of a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Carlises Will Go to the Coast.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The speaker has appointed the following members as the committee on rules of the house: Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, republicans, and Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, and Mr. Bailey, of Texas, democrats. The speaker is also a member of this committee.

To be Discontinued.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 7.—Special advices from Washington state that the United States revenue branch service, established here four years ago to prevent smuggling from British Columbia into the United States, will be discontinued.

Said to Be an Error.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It is said at the apostolic cable here that the announcement emanated from Rome of the appointment of Mgr. Sharetti to be bishop of Santiago de Cuba is an error, he having been appointed bishop of Havana.

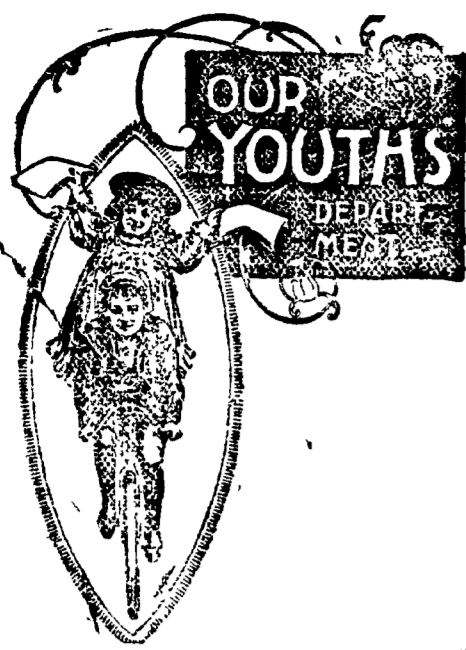
Deserted His Post.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Consul Marum is said to have deserted his post at Pretoria, and the state department is trying to locate him. One of the rumors current is that he has joined the Boers, with whom he is in sympathy, at the front.

River News.

Stations.	Current.	Change.	Rainfall.
Fitchburg	1.2	-0.4	—
Chicago	2.1	-0.2	—
St. Louis	1.8	-0.1	—
St. Paul	2.5	-0.1	.61
Dayton	2.7	-0.1	—
Memphis	2.7	0.1	—
Louisville	1.3	-0.1	—
Caro	6.6	-0.2	—
New Orleans	2.9	-0.7	—

— Fall. — Trace.



In the Cuirass.

Little Will Gladstones (the ancient form of the family name of the ex-Premier of England) was very anxious to go forth by his father's side and fight in the Scottish army; but, as the boy was of small size and slender stature, the old laird of Manlowe decided that it was far better for him to wait awhile before exposing himself to the English spears. Battle to a knight's son in those days meant very much the same as a successful entry into college does to a boy in our own time. So Will Gladstones was bitterly disappointed when his rough but loving parent said that it was better for him to postpone his entry into the ranks of war.

But little Will, like his illustrious descendant, was not of the kind that can easily be turned aside. In his lonely little room, high up in one of the turrets of Manlowe Peet, he set about thinking of some way in which he could elude his father's vigilance and go to the wars in spite of all. But for a long time no idea occurred to him, and it seemed as though he must remain behind after all, when the Gladstone forces marched across the border.

II.

Now it happened that King David II. of Scotland, desiring to conciliate Earl Douglas, had commissioned Gladstone of Manlowe to present to that famous warrior a superb cuirass of polished Milanese armor. This gorgeous piece of ironwork arrived at Manlowe on the day before Gladstones' troop began its march.

Little Will Gladstones was eager to examine this cuirass, and during the night preceding the departure of his father he crept down the winding stair of the castle and stole on tiptoe into the armory. There in the moonlight lay the armor. It was an enormous cuirass—for the Douglas was a giant in size; so large indeed that a small boy like Will Gladstones would have no difficulty in bestowing himself comfortably in its leather-lined interior.

Hearing his father's step on the stairs, Will hastily crawled into the cuirass to escape the parental displeasure. Hardy as he was, when the old laird sounded his bugle, and bade his merry men make ready. Warned by a dream, he resolved to set out under cover of darkness instead of waiting until morning.

Affraid to stir, Will Gladstones heard the men-at-arms bustling about the armory, and presently a horse lade was wrapped about the cuirass intended for Earl Douglas, and the King's gift (with the boy still crouched inside) was lifted from its place and deposited in one of the wagons which were to accompany the forces. Little Will, finding himself thus trapped, felt rather pleased than otherwise. To cry out at that juncture would brand him as a coward, and (so he argued) his father, while he might pardon him for disobedience in going to the wars, would never forgive him for crying craven.

Drawing his dagger from his belt, the boy succeeded in cutting a deep gash in the horsehide. By this means he admitted sufficient air into the interior of the cuirass to save himself from suffocation.

III.

When the laird of Manlowe reached his over-lord's camp, near Hawick, he ordered the horsehide removed from King David's splendid present. What was the astonishment of Earl Douglas, the entire army, and of the laird in particular, when there stepped out of the armor a small boy—no other, indeed, than young Will Gladstones.

"My lord," cried Will's father to the Douglas, who stood smiling at this strange scene, "in this graceless brat you behold my own son. For weeks he has pestered me for leave to come to the wars, but I have ever said him nay."

"And now," put in the Earl, "he hath cleverly outwitted you and came in spite of your prohibition."

But he shall instantly be sent back."

"Nay, nay, old friend. You cannot send him back. Surely you forget this cuirass and all its contents have just been presented to me in the King's name. I claim this lad as I claim the cuirass. Let him be my page and fight by my side."

The laird threw up his mailed hands in mock despair.

"Have your way, my lord," he exclaimed. "Let the young scamp fight the English, since he came in Douglas' cuirass to do so."

So Will Gladstones fought at Nevill's Cross after all, and a stout little warrior he proved.

People who know the stout-hearted "grand old man" of England will find it easy to trace in this historic episode the source of the strength of character and purpose which has made William Gladstone a leader among men and a controlling power in the nation which he is so influential a member—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

NEWSPAPERS BY WEIGHT.

Odd Way in Which American Newspapers Are Sold in Australia.

In Australia, a country that follows American custom very closely, the people have a great desire for American newspapers. Every steamer that arrives from this country brings its full quota of American journals, which are immediately put on sale. One day says a writer, I was in Adelaide, South Australia, and I went into a store to buy the Sunday edition of a New York paper. The dealer took one, placed it on the scales, which he scanned very closely, and then said: "Eighteen pence!" (36 cents.)

"That costs about one-eighth as much in New York," I said.

"Cawnt 'elp that," answered the dealer. "These 'ere papers is massive. They contain lots of good paper, and we got to sell 'em by weight."

"Have you any cheaper?" I asked. "Yes," he said again. "I've got some cheaper; this one is only 10d; it weighs much less; it has no pictures, you see," and he picked up a Chicago newspaper of a midweek date.

"But I want a New York Sunday newspaper," I persisted.

"Well those will cost you from 18d to 20d (36 to 40 cents) each, according to weight; but I can sell you a Kansas City Sunday paper for 6d (12 cents) if you must have a cheap Sunday edition."

Then I found the dealer would sell separate sections of a Sunday edition if the customer didn't want the whole, and while I was in his store three men came in and bought different parts of a journal, paying as much as 4 cents a section. Of course when the "want ad" part was put on the scales and sold to the fourth customer he didn't know how interesting New York news was until he got home.—New York Times.

INTENSELY AMUSING.

It Was Fun For the Boy But Not Particularly Funny to the Man.

The depot master in a certain city not far from Detroit, is the proprietor of a palate that is only about half size and in the manipulation of which he falls down at times, with the result that his words are spoken with lisps and stumbles that make them hardly intelligible.

A few days ago a stout German woman leading a little boy by the hand, approached the official and asked, "What dime does der train go py Kalamazoo out?"

The depot master looked down at her, twisted his face and replied, "Hat three o'clock. Ho an' hithown here han H'll hall you when hit's bready."

The woman took a seat over in the far corner of the depot. After a period of ten minutes she again approached the official and asked her former question. "Hat three o'clock. Hi hol' hou," he exclaimed. "Ho han' hit down here han H'll hall you when hit's bready."

Again did the woman seek a seat. And after another fifteen minutes had passed she approached the caller of trains a third time and again asked that question. "What dime does der train go py Kalamazoo out?"

The depot master waxed wroth, and in the excitement of his anger, he lost all control of that vocal organ of his. He cried "Hat three o'clock, hree o'clock, hree o'clock! Hi tol' you at hree o'clock a hrozen himes. Hree o'clock, can't you understand? One! Hoo! Hree! Han't you understand?"

And, increasing the pressure of her hand on that of the child, the old lady replied calmly "Why, off course, I understands, put little Yawob likes to hear you say it."—Detroit Free Press.

Avoid Coughing.

A physician who is connected with an institution in which there are many children, says: "There is nothing more irritable to a cough than coughing. For some time I have been so fully assured of this that I determined for one minute at least to lessen the number of coughs heard in a certain ward in a hospital of the institution. By the promise of rewards and punishments I succeeded in inducing them simply to hold their breath when tempted to cough, and in a little while I was myself surprised to see how some of the children entirely recovered from the disease. Constant coughing is precisely like scratching a wound on the outside of the body; so long as it is done, the wound will not heal. Let a person when tempted to cough draw a long breath and hold it until it warms and soothes every air cell, and some benefit will soon be received from this process. The nitrogen which is thus confined acts as an anodyne to the mucous membrane, allaying the desire to cough and giving the throat and lungs a chance to heal."—Scientific American.

A Very Methodical Man.

One of the most methodical men who ever lived in Washington County was a native of Haverhill. He was always so very particular about his dress that he would not allow himself to appear in the company of strangers without first making a complete change of clothing and attending to all the details of his toilet. Once his eccentricity in this direction caused him the loss of his house and other buildings. This was the time his house caught fire, and his wife, after working several minutes trying to extinguish the flames, went into one of the front rooms where she found her eccentric husband with a lamp and razor before the looking glass taking a shave, and putting on a clean paper collar. "What on earth are you doing?" And you never had a better case of a man and wife in a house. "Oh, yes," he replied, calmly, "I'm going to bed. I know it, and I'm going to bed. I'll be here, and who knows but that I'll be here, and who knows but that I'll be here?"—Detroit Free Press.

THE HORSE'S GRIEF.

A Faithful Animal That Committed Suicide When Neglected.

"Speaking of the grief that some horses will exhibit when left in a strange place and neglected for a short time by their masters," said an old miner, "I recall seeing a horse deliberately commit suicide, in three feet of water because he had been deserted for three days.

"The horse was owned by a man named Jim Kelly, a well-known prospector, who in July 1897, came into Grand Forks, B. C., after an absence in the mountains of several weeks. The animal was nothing but a common cayuse, on which Kelly sometimes rode and sometimes packed his outfit when the trails were steep and difficult. Naturally, the man and horse became attached to each other by their close companionship and the little marks of kindness shown in their lonely camps, when Kelly would pet the tired cayuse and perhaps give him a handful of sugar before he fed him for the night. It was remarked by those who met them that the cayuse showed an uncommon attachment for Kelly.

"Well on arriving in town Jim staked out his horse and betook himself to the Cosmos Hotel and proceeded to sample all kinds of liquor, prolonging his spree until Sunday afternoon. All day Friday, and during Friday night and until late Saturday afternoon the cayuse waited, whinnying when anyone approached, but viciously resented any attempts to feed him. About sunset Saturday, his master not returning, the horse strained at his picket rope until he finally succeeded in pulling the picket pin, and, trailing the rope behind him, he trotted up to the Cosmos, keeping up a prolonged whinny. He walked up the steps and peered anxiously through the windows in search of his master. For fifteen or twenty minutes he walked up and down the porch, whinnying as though in great pain. Then, after a long look into the windows, he left the porch, and with head hanging near the ground, he walked into a stream of water about three feet deep, lay down on his side and buried his head under the water.

"The act was witnessed by me and by a number of others who were attracted by the horse's strange conduct. We followed him down to the creek. There is no doubt he deliberately committed suicide. When Kelly came off his spree on Sunday and learned of the cayuse's death he secured assistance and buried the faithful animal."—Washington Star.

AN AGED ROYAL PARROT.

Ducky, Owned by the Princess of Wales, Was Over 125 Years Old.

One of the longest lived birds on record died recently in London. It was a parrot named Ducky, the property of the Prince of Wales, and its age was put at more than 125 years. Ducky was a native of the United States of Colombia, whence he was transported to England in 1783, and bought by Prime Minister Pitt, who, in 1800, presented him to his master, George III. From this date on the bird was recognized as part of the royal household, with quarters at St. James. Ducky, however, developed amazing conversational powers, unaccompanied with the proper leaven of discretion, and in 1850 he was sentenced to banishment from St. James on the charge, it is said, of divulging family secrets. In his new dwelling place, Windsor Castle, Ducky acquired even worse habits. Windsor accommodates a small garrison, and the parrot was quick to acquire the vernacular of Tommy Atkins. The result was considered unsuitable to the well-known decorum of the British court, and sentence of banishment to Australia was passed on the offender. The amiable Princess of Wales, however, came to the rescue, and Ducky was removed to Sandringham, where he remained until the day of his death. Great age though it be, 125 years is not considered by scientific men as the absolute age limit of a parrot. So reliable an observer as Humboldt, whose statement in this manner is accepted without question by Darwin, tells of a parrot that must have lived 200 years. The naturalist came across the bird in South America, and his reasons for crediting it with such extraordinary longevity were that he heard it use some words of a language spoken only by a tribe of Indians which have been extinct more than 200 years.—New York Sun.

Widespread Whispers.

The university of Michigan possesses an architectural curiosity in the shape of a whispering gallery. It is not so well known as that in the Capitol at Washington, but it is one of the largest and most perfect in the world, length is perhaps greater than in either.

The gallery of Gloucester Cathedral transmits sounds a distance of seventy-five feet, and in the famous gallery of St. Paul's, London, the sound of the voice can be heard across a diameter of one hundred feet, but the gallery at the University of Michigan outdoes both, for it carries the faintest whisper through a corridor one hundred and sixty-four feet in length.

The gallery runs in the form of a U-shape, about the north end of the university art gallery, and was originally intended for storage purposes. Its capabilities as a whispering gallery were accidentally discovered by a student, now a member of the faculty, who was examining the building while it was in process of construction. Youth's Companion.

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The Origin of an Old Saying.

"It's no time to swap horses when you are crossing a stream," said President Lincoln, on being urged to change one general for another, on the eve of a battle, but this story suggests the origin of the famous reply.

A Hoosier was traveling down the Ohio on a steamboat, with his mare and her two-year colt. The careening of the steamer, as she grazed a sandbar, pitched him and his horse into the river. As he rose, puffing and blowing, he caught hold of the colt's tail.

The mare made for the shore, but the frightened colt swam down the current.

"Let go the colt and catch on to the mare!" shouted the passengers on the boat.

"That's easy said," exclaimed the Hoosier, "but this ain't exactly the time for swapping horses to a man that can't swim."

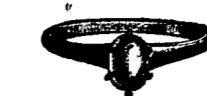
Stronger Than Oak.

Foot bridges in Morocco that are used for heavy traffic have been the subject of much concern to many engineers. Elm planks on oak string pieces were the materials employed, but those wore out so rapidly that a return to the old style of building was proposed. This consisted of cables made from the fibers of the aloe. These cables are plaited and twisted from fiber and are nearly two inches thick and eight and one-half inches wide. They are saturated with tar and are firmly nailed to oak planking. The ends are fastened by iron strips. These cables make most admirable footpaths. They are sufficiently elastic to be pleasant under the feet, and experience has demonstrated that they are far more durable than any material heretofore applied for this purpose.

Improving the Art of Workrooms.

In regard to the ventilator of workrooms, the consideration of dollars and cents is in many cases doing what would never have come to pass from any solicitude as to the welfare of the workmen. It is found in many factories, for instance, that the hands do much more work in a given time if they have good air to breathe. Some firms have quite elaborate provisions for the purifying of the atmosphere of the work rooms. In the absence of these a simple plan is to put a spoonful of oil of turpentine into a liter bottle of well water, shake it well and then blow it about the room through an atomizer. An improvement is to mix a few drops of acetate ether with the turpentine.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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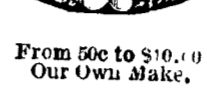
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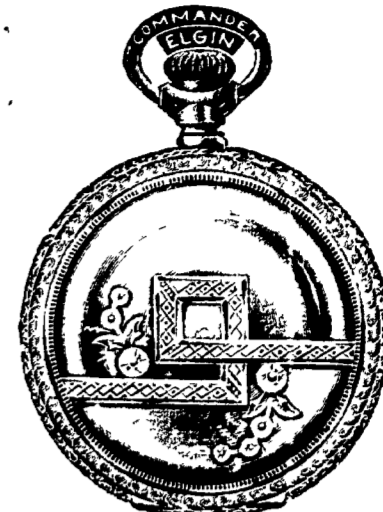


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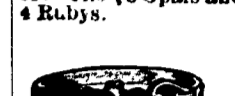
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SINGIN' SAM'S SALVATION.

The Church Needed Him and Couldn't Spare Him to the Penitentiary.

The Southern negro possesses extremely hazy notions of right and wrong. For example, the following incident, which came under my observation in a Southern town, writes Jeanette R. Murphy: A negro known as "Singin' Sam" had often been employed in doing odd jobs by the townspeople, and was considered one of the leading lights of the "Primity Baptis" church. When it came to "singin'" and "moanin'" he was without rival. I was away from the town for a year, and when I returned recently I was told that "Singin' Sam" had been turned from the church in deep disgrace, and was then in the penitentiary for horsestealing. Horse stealing and miscellaneous thievery were confirmed habits, but as Sam had never been caught or convicted the church had taken no action.

Not long after I visited the "Primity Baptis" Church, to witness the ceremony of "feet washing." To my amazement there was my old friend, whom I supposed to be safe for some years behind prison walls, up in the amen corner, leading the shouting and patting and singing. After a prolonged service, "Singin' Sam" came up grinning.

"Why, honey?" he began. "Ise pow'ful glad to see yo' back!"

"Why, Sam?" I said, "they told me you were turned out of the church, and sent to prison."

"I was dat an' a fact," he replied, with the most doleful expression. "Ili want my white folks fren's put me in dar; just lyin' nigger, what done told me, and got me sent up; but Ise dese glad now. Sence I broke de jail and come home, de elders and de body held a meetin' 'pletely 'zonerated me an' 'dorse what dey call de resolution o' respect for de widder an' de 'mudder ob de church.' Ise mighty proud o' dese mos' sagacious testimonial."

"Want to see 'em, honey? Jest read 'em," and he pulled out a roll of paper, thumbing and soiled as though it had been handled by hundreds of dirty fingers. "It done say dat dey s'arch de whole town aroun' an' dey couldn't find nary 'pothor nigger what could run de 'Primity Baptis' Church in de same style w'at I did, ma honey. Dey couldn't fin' anoder membah so filled wid de spirit in singin' 'n' leadin' as 'Singin' Sam.' 'n' so dey done ast me if I wouldn't oberlook de past 'n' come back to de hussion of de church."—New Orleans Plaindealer.

A CURIOUS MAINE STORY.

French-Canadian Predications Came True.

Every French Canadian resident of Maine believes that a miracle has been performed over the grave of Paul, a nigger, who died in 1864 and was buried in the woods above Grandfather Falls. Rumor, of the French, as he was called by his acquaintances, was a French Canadian and a member of a French-Canadian family of snuff-skinned slaves, who traveled from camp to camp in winter, selling his snuff, and preying upon the credulity of his fellow countrymen by pretending to reveal future events.

Before his death he expressed a wish to have his body taken to Montreal for burial, pronouncing a fearful curse upon those who neglected to obey his last request. Among other catastrophes which were to follow a denial of his wish were the sudden death of the camp foreman, the loss of the year's cut of logs, and the burning of the camp. He also said that if he were buried in the woods a living cross would grow up from the grave, which should serve as a perpetual warning to all who flouted him.

When Paul's body was taken to Montreal for burial, and carried to a rocky point above Grandfather Falls, where the elders placed it under the roots of a great yellow birch tree which had lately been overthrown in a storm. When the remains had been duly deposited in the snug opening, one of the men charged off the fallen tree trunk with an ax, allowing the stump to fly back, thus filling the hole and burying the body under tons of earth.

Two weeks later the camp boss was killed by a falling limb. The following spring the logs were hung up for want of water, and while they were lying on the shore, waiting for rain, a forest fire swept through the woods, burning the logs and the camp where Paul had been buried. This fall a party of Frenchmen who had been hunting deer stopped at Bon-Pop's grave, and were surprised to find that the yellow birch that covered his remains had sprouted from the stump, sending up three shoots, which had interlaced so as to form a cross about ten feet tall. When they saw that the last of the dead man's predictions had been fulfilled they came out and circulated the story all over Eastern Maine, since which time the grave has been visited by scores of French Canadians, all of whom believe that a miracle has been wrought above the dead.—Montreal Herald.

Drummond used to tell some amusing stories about the penalties of his American fame. Extraordinary letters used to be waited to him across the Atlantic. One of them ran as follows: "Dear Sir: I am a widow, with one boy of twelve years of age. He promises well, and I think could be secured for the kingdom if you would send him an autograph copy of your sweet hymn, 'Are They Safe With Him?'"—New York Evening Post.

THE RUNAWAY AT EL CANEY.

An Episode Not Down in the Official Report of the Battle.

On July 1, 1895, when the battle of El Caney was the hottest, a curious commotion among the Spanish soldiers was visible in one of the trenches which defended the town. Toward the middle of the day the American soldiers on the nearest line saw a half-grown pig come running out of a low thatched building inside the Spanish trenches, and rounding a corner of the ditch take to flight outside the trenches, in the direction of the American position.

The Spanish soldiers ceased their firing as the pig escaped, and there was commotion among them. Presently this commotion resolved itself into a rush of several soldiers out of the trench in the direction of the pig. Soon there were fifteen of them out in the open in the full sweep of the American fire.

Up and down went the pig; when a soldier's hands were on him he would make a twist and wriggle himself away. Once he made a long run straight toward the American lines; it did not help him, for the soldiers were after entirely disregarding the battle. Some of them headed him off again, and in another moment and the pig, firmly held, was on his way back to the trenches, riding on the shoulders of this young man, his forelegs gripped by one hand and his hind legs by the other.

The soldiers resumed their places in the trench; the one who had the pig put him back in the thatched building, and presently returned to his own place and took up his gun.

It is safe to say that during the chase of the pig no American soldier who saw the affair discharged his gun at the group. The Americans who saw it were too full of admiration and astonishment to add to the dangers which the audacious Spaniards were under; but thousands of Americans who could not see the incident were blazing away in that direction, and the Spaniards who were chasing the pig must have heard a great many bullets whistling about their ears during the performance.

The Americans who were within view of the occurrence were confirmed by it in the opinion which they had to form already, that the people at home who had told them that the Spaniards were cowards did not know what they were talking about.—Youth's Companion.

How It Saved Pain.

"There's been a wonderful advance in dental surgery of late years," said a man with a slightly swollen jaw. "The old, brutal way of yanking out molars, by main strength and awkwardness has gone out of date. I had a tooth pulled this morning, and the whole thing was so quiet and easy I could scarcely believe it had been done. I took a whiff of gas and opened my eyes to find the tooth gone. I didn't even see the forceps. It was in strong contrast, by the way, with an experience of mine some years ago, when, needless to say, I was still in my experimental stages. I had a back tooth that was giving me fits, and went to a man who advertised painless extraction by means of what were called 'electrical forceps.' It was a complicated foreign device, long since abandoned, that sent a current along the instrument just as it took hold. The dentist was a candid looking chap, and I asked him to tell me honestly whether it would hurt. 'Well,' he said, 'it's like this: Suppose a fellow hit you in the mouth with his fist, and at the same time hit you on the nose with a brick—you wouldn't feel the fist, would you? I told him to go ahead and drag out the tooth in good, old-fashioned way. After that explanation I wanted no electric forceps in mine.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Helped His Father in His Sermon.

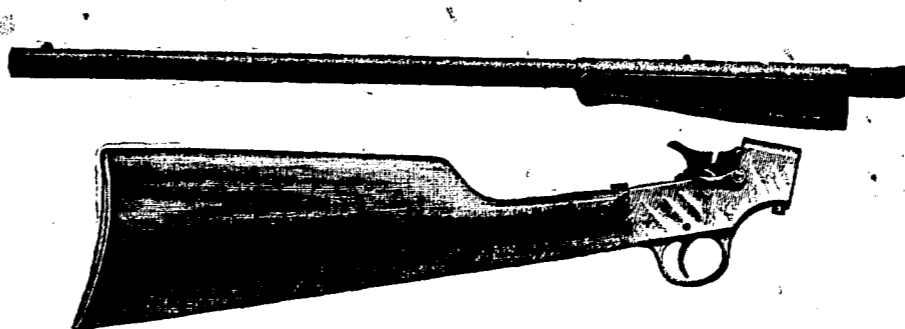
Bob Jones is Sam's noble son. He told his father that a certain estimable citizen of Sam's town had invited him into his rear office to take a drink of whiskey. Sam cut loose the following Sunday with a roaring sermon of which misreading a boy was the text. He said: "The man who tempted my boy to drink must leave this town. If he will not go peacefully he will go to the muzzle of my shotgun. I am ready to go before my Maker with a record of having shot a scoundrel who led my child to drink." There was a hush of the same sort, only hotter, and Sam fairly foamed at the mouth with indignation. The whole congregation got excited. The excitement spread through the town, and every one was asking his neighbor, "What can be the man?" One of the women called Bob into her house, and asked him had persuaded him to drink. Bob laughed. "Why, it ain't nobody," he said. "I just told pa that he to give him something to preach about, and didn't the old man howl!"

Geese With Shoes.

It is not generally known that in Prague there exists a goose "boum," where yearly some three million geese change hands. Its most active time lasts generally from about six to eight weeks, from the middle of September till the first day of November. During this time immense flocks of geese are driven into the suburbs, especially from the districts living on the right banks of the Weichsel. These are then conducted at night over the bridges to the Jewish quarters, the trade being principally in the hands of the Israelites. As the geese are driven in from long distances they are "shod," that is to say, walked repeatedly over patches of tar mixed with fine sand. This forms a hard crust on the feet of the geese, and they, the "shod," are able to cover immense distances without fatigue.

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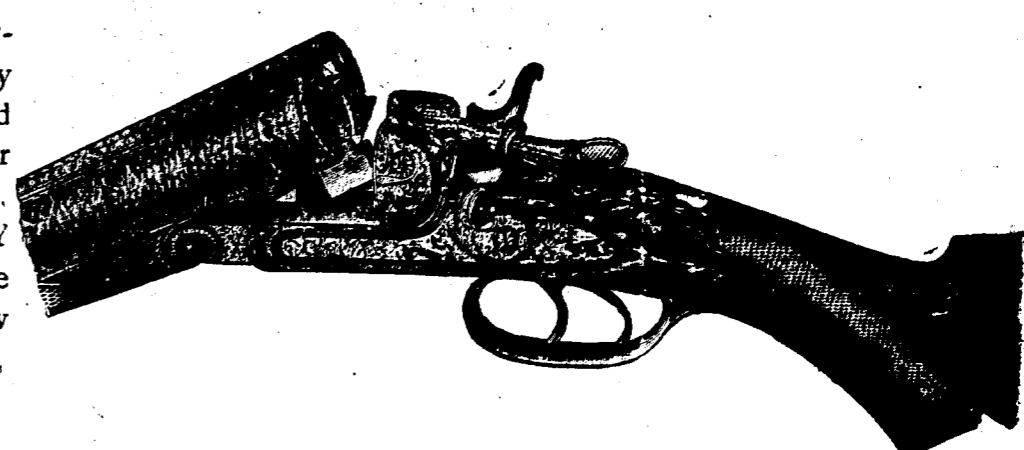
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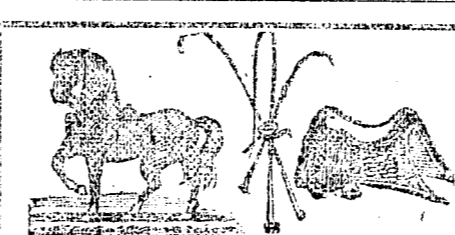
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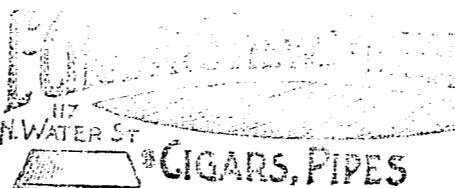
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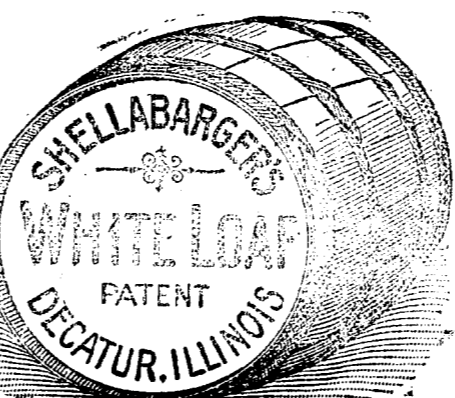
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A Correspondent Tells of the Panic in the Transvaal.

A correspondent who was in Johannesburg when the islanders were trying to get away in advance of the fighting says:

"I remember going into a restaurant for breakfast one day, this being a place that had had previously set a very good table. I ordered breakfast and got about four square inches of cold roast beef that had been fried in lieu of the raw meat. I may not be out of place to mention the fact that although this was the only place where one could get American pancakes I didn't go there again.

When I left the government was commandeering horses, and whatever was needed to facilitate the prosecution of the war. Street cars were stopped in the street by officers, the horses taken, and the cars left standing. I saw a lady driving along Pitchard street in a carriage one day. An officer stopped the horses, unhitched them, and led them off in spite of the protestations of the woman, who, with her baggage, was on the way to the station to take the train for Cape Town. All of the merchants who handled harness and saddles had their entire stocks commandeered. (The process mentioned consists in taking possession of property in the name of the government and giving receipts that enable one to obtain remuneration for the loss sustained.)

"People who have left Johannesburg during the last five weeks have had some terrible experiences. Knowing that there would be a crowd at the station, I, with a friend who is commonly known as Bobby, got there an hour before the time appointed for the train to leave. Even then the platform was crowded with men, women, and children, Kafirs and coolies. One could see at a glance that every body in the crowd had lost all sense of shame or care for others.

I recognized more forcibly than ever before the strength of the spirit of selfishness inherent in man which always shows itself most forcibly in the event of a panic occurring. It has been my privilege to watch a crowd from the stage of a theatre when a cry of "Fire" was raised, and I was also present on the floor of the Chicago board of trade in 1893 when a crazy fanatic emptied a revolver in the crowd. On occasions like these, when a scare is suddenly created, there is some excuse for people losing their heads. At Braamfontein station the case was different.

We bought our tickets after considerable delay, and then spent considerable time in getting our baggage checked. Fifteen minutes before the time arrived for the train to leave it pulled into the station. Then I saw a sight such as I never witnessed before and hope I may never see again.

Men, who have no right to the name aside from the fact that it designates their sex, fought like tigers for a place on the train, pushing aside women with babies in their arms. Children were pulled out of the cars by men who should have tried to find places for them. A few of us kept our heads and did what we could to facilitate the efforts of the zarps or police to help the women. We were in the minority, however, and although there was a good force of zarps present we could do but little.

But this was only the beginning of our troubles. Our train with the exception of one coach, consisted of open coal cars, which were unswept and without seats of any kind. The zarps kept the men out of the coach and some of the women and children were accommodated in it. Others were not so fortunate, however, and were forced to take their places in the coal cars. Those of us who had valises or baggage of any kind with us were fortunate, as this enabled us to obtain a makeshift for a seat. Others who had nothing were forced to stand or sit on the floor.

Meet Tonight.

There will be a meeting of the Economic League tonight and it promises to be interesting. Attorney T. B. Jack will read the principal paper and in it will discuss the subject of "Labor Unions." The meetings of the league have become very interesting of late, and the papers always excite much discussion.

Civil Suit.

The time of Justice O'Mara was given over yesterday afternoon to hearing the case of Charles C. Matheny vs. Dan Rollison. It was a suit on an open account but the real fight was on the attachment on Rollison's wages. After hearing the evidence the court gave judgment for \$34.23 and sustained the attachment.

Masonic.

Special communication of Macon Lodge No. 8 A. F. and A. M. this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work. Visiting brethren cordially invited. J. W. Graves, W. M.; Guy P. Lewis, Sec.

More business men lose fortunes and social standing by ill health than in any other way. Rocky Mountain Tea will bring health and prosperity. 12-6-1w

Wedding at St. Louis—Many Other Marriages in Macon County.

August Herbig and Miss Mary Kosezessa were married at St. Johannes Lutheran church at 6 o'clock last evening in the presence of a large number of invited friends of the couple. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Heyne. The bride was prettily gowned in white cloth. The couple were attended by Fred Kosezessa, August Merenz, Minnie Doddick and Louise Kosezessa. T. Lik presided at the organ and as the couple appeared a selection from Gounod was rendered on the organ. As the ceremony closed the Finale March from Udden was beautifully rendered.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the couple and the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride on North Morgan street where a sumptuous wedding supper was served and a reception tendered to the many friends of the young couple.

The groom is one of the faithful employees of the Union Iron Works. The couple will go to housekeeping in a home already provided by the groom at 1160 East Leadland avenue. Among the guests from out of the city was the family of John Godfrey of Kinney.

BURKUM-DRAKE.

Newton Burkum and Miss Nora Drake, both of Argenta, were married in St. Louis last Wednesday and their friends were not aware of the marriage until night. The couple are highly respected in the community, the groom being in the employ of Dr. Thomas in the drug store at Argenta.

DILLON-CHAMBERS.

Friends in Decatur have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Jennie Chambers of Republic, Mo., to A. R. Dillon of Kansas City, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, W. B. Chambers and wife last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Race attended the wedding from this city.

CARR-MORRISON.

Dr. Edgar Carr of Argenta and Miss Nellie Morrison of Argenta were married by Rev. J. S. Keener Wednesday night at the home of the bride at Oresana. After the wedding the couple went to St. Louis on a wedding trip and on their return will make their home at Argenta, where the groom is building a handsome residence.

ALLEN-KLEMM.

John W. Allen and Miss Mary Klemm both of this city, were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Yung. The couple were attended by Ralph Wismer and Lula Garrow. The groom is in the employ of the Paragon Oil company and they will make their home in Decatur.

SANDERS-MYERS.

Wm. D. Sanders and Miss Ada Myers were married by Rev. Bankson at the home of the bride near Boody on Wednesday evening in the presence of a number of friends of the couple.

NOHL-ANDERSON.

At his office in the court house Thursday Judge W. L. Hammer married Oscar Nohl of Chicago, and Miss M. Madeline Anderson of Toronto, Canada. An attempt to interview the groom was repulsed. He said it was no elopement. It had pleased himself and his bride to come to Decatur and that is all there was to it. They were of age and knew what they wanted.

BRADEN-FERREN.

Derrick Braden and Miss Bertha L. Ferren, both of Maroa, were married Thursday afternoon by Judge W. L. Hammer at his office in the court house.

Pleas for Divorce.

Elizabeth C. Gunkle has filed a petition asking for a divorce from her husband, Theodore Gunkle, and asks that she be permitted to resume her maiden name, Elizabeth Cook. The couple were married in the year '90 and lived together eight years. The charges are drunkenness and infidelity.

Martha Scothorn wants a divorce from her husband, Thornton Scothorn whom she charges has deserted her. The couple were married in February and he deserted her in September, 1893. The complainant asks that she be permitted to resume her maiden name, Martha Daniels.

Basket Ball.

A basket ball team has been organized by a number of young ladies of the city and they will be coached by Mr. Frye, the physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A. The members of the team are Louise Gastman, Lillian Root, Grace Murphy, Dot Dillehunt, Madge Dillehunt, Celia Post, Mabel Knight, Cora Downing, Jessie Bown and Louise Kelly.

AN EASY FABLE.

"Good evening, Torpid Liver," said a Beecham Pill. "I merely dropped in to tell you that you are not in the living present. This is a new and better way of life. The Beecham Pill is the only medicine of Beecham's that will cure the Bilious Headache was absent from the House Wonderful.

MORAL—Take them early and often.

Some Points About the Product now in the Hands of a combine.

Mr. J. O. Toland, of Humboldt, Ill., a prominent broomcorn specialist, visited the University of Illinois on November 23, and lectured to the class in farm crops in "The Cultivation of Broom Corn." The State University Bulletin of December 2, commenting on this lecture, and the production of broomcorn of the world is produced in a region with Aroola as a center, in Coles, Douglas and Moultrie counties. The soil is a very fertile loam capable of producing from 45 to 75 bushels of Indian corn per acre. Broom corn will grow on any soil adapted to Indian corn and is not considered an exhaustive crop. The usual rotation practised in these counties being an alternation of Indian corn with broom corn.

The broom corn industry has centered in this region because the land will produce a good quality of brush, and the people are familiar with the business, and are supplied with machinery to handle the crop. Farmers not familiar with the business would probably not be successful at first, and would have to hire expensive help to care for the crop. It is a precarious crop and delay of one week in harvesting means a damaged crop and an actual loss to the grower. If the weather is unfavorable at the time of harvesting the crop will rot wait, but will be ruined. The cost of raising broom corn is about \$40 per ton. Three acres are required to produce one ton and in favorable seasons the profits obtained are greater than those from Indian corn. The present high rate of \$200 per ton, is not due to an increased demand, but by a corner by a few brokers. The demand increases very slowly, the entire amount used in the world being only about 35,000 tons, of which 22,000 to 25,000 tons are raised near Aroola. The history of the price has been that an increased area devoted to this crop means an over production and an immediate slump in price.

The demand for seed for next year cannot be supplied. All sections of the state are introducing broom corn. According to Mr. Toland this means disaster to the grower and no one should go into the business without making a thorough study of the situation.

The Boss Barbers.

The boss barbers will meet at the Haines shop on East Eldorado street next Tuesday night to consider matters of importance to the craft. It is intimated by a barber that some action will be taken in reference to the cutting of prices by several of the shops in this city. Some of the bosses complain that the cutting of prices has had a disastrous effect on the trade all over the city and they desire to either get all the bosses in line or else to allow them to cut and slash as they please.

More Attractions.

F. E. Stare was in the city yesterday in advance of "Who's Who," which comes to the opera house on the evening of December 14th.

J. M. McNamara representing "Because She Loved Him So," was in the city yesterday and his company will come to the opera house on the evening of December 15.

Logan County Institute.

Lincoln, Dec. 7.—The annual institute of the farmers of Logan county is in session in the city and is being largely attended.

La Place.

Most of the schools in this vicinity dismissed Thursday and Friday.

Misses Maggie Wilson, Mary Mohler and Madison Adams, and J. M. Heckman attended the teacher's institute at Monticello Friday.

J. W. Reser repaired the well at Prairie Valley last week.

Fire broke out at the M. E. church during services Wednesday night from the outside in the weatherboarding, and was extinguished with but little damage.

The revival conducted by Rev. Waltz at the M. E. church is progressing with good interest.

Mrs. S. S. Miller returned from her visit at Flora, Ind., last Wednesday.

Thanksgiving services were held at the Brethren church Thursday.

Pleasant Plains school realized \$12.85 from their library entertainment Thursday evening. A good programme was rendered.

The Christian church here gave a supper and festival Thursday evening, the proceeds amounting to \$19.

M. D. Adams, teacher at Center, spent Thanksgiving at home near Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buehler, of Decatur, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fleck, Tuesday evening.

"Baby" Elias was in town Tuesday, representing Dr. Falcon's medicines of Bloomington, Ill.

C. A. Rodman was a Monticello visitor Wednesday.

George Porter, near Livingston, visited at C. A. Rodman's Thursday.

Too Many Spectators at the New Passenger Station.

There were probably one hundred men at work in all of the various places about the new passenger station on Thursday and there were probably not less than three to four hundred at all time standing about watching the work. The stone masons from Chicago utterly fail to appreciate the hunger for a new station that has for years filled the breast of the average Decaturite. To the stone mason it is an ordinary affair and he loses patience when the eager Decatur man falls into the trench in his desire to get up against the real thing. The stone mason uses great big words, and says that the Decatur man is a combination that he never before encountered. The Decaturite concludes that the Chicago stone mason is unappreciative when he is far short of realizing the importance of his position.

Yesterday Foster Bros. had four scrapers at work and today they expect to have twice that many busy and will also have a much larger force of diggers. The excavators still look forward to completing all of the digging in less than a week's time. They are making the dirt fly at a lively rate and the general comment is that the work is going with a rush.

Modjeska's Supporting Company.

It is claimed that the company supporting Madame Modjeska this season has been selected with rare judgment which reflects much credit on Mr. John C. Fisher, who has so ably managed the enterprise both this and last season. To organize a company for one particular play is not so difficult a matter, for with an ordinary ability to understand the characters of men and women, actors can be selected who by temperament and manner may fit the part they are called upon to play. But in the case of a varied repertoire such as that of Madame Modjeska which includes "Mary Stuart" one actor has to play many parts and then it is a case of intelligence rather than temperament. Among the more important people who will be seen with Modjeska, Mr. John E. Kellard comes first of course. He is featured on the company's announcements and shares the leading roles with her. Mr. Kellard will be seen here as in the title role of Macbeth, Madame Modjeska appearing in her incomparable portrayal of Lady Macbeth.

Murder in Prison.

Pontiac Dec. 7.—William Flowers, an inmate of the Illinois reform school has been held for murder by a co-ol'er's jury. He struck Jesse Myers, another inmate who died from the effects of the blow. It was at first thought that Myers had died from the effects of a blow received by falling and striking his head against a piece of marble.

Narrowly Escape Asphyxiation.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—Twenty prisoners in the city calabocose came near being asphyxiated at noon. The prisoners had sprinkled a quantity of gasoline about in cracks and corners to kill vermin, and shortly one of the prisoners struck match. Almost immediately the fumes of the gasoline filled the place. The prisoners appreciated the danger and began making a great uproar, but before the official came to see what was the matter, many of the prisoners were lying on the floor, some of them in an unconscious condition. Every one was removed to the open air, and most of them revived, but a number were in such condition that they were removed to the city hospital or to their homes for treatment. All are out of danger, thanks to the prompt and careful ministry of physicians, a corps of whom were called upon to treat the patients.

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Men's satin calf, leather lined, London toe, heavy sole \$1.79

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mus' go \$1.69

Veal calf, lace, heavy, good wear in every pair and Union Stamp on Them, tap sole \$1.69

Boy's kangaroo calf, heavy tap sole, all solid regular \$2 \$1.49

goods, the wear proves it \$1.24

Boys' veal calf, tap sole, all solid \$1.24

Others at \$1.14 and Youth's \$1.04.

Women's kangaroo calf, lace good as you pay others \$1.50 for we are selling lots of them at \$1.24

Misses' kangaroo calf, spring heel, all sizes from 12 to 2 \$98c

Misses' satin calf, better one \$1.14

Child's box calf and a good one, sizes from 8 to 11 79c

Child's satin calf, a better one, sizes from 8 to 11 98c

Child's any weight you want, sizes from 5 to 11 54c

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WILL NOT GOOD.

The Jury in the Tulley Case Reaches a Decision.

At 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon after being out for nearly forty-eight hours the jury in the Tulley will case returned a verdict that the testator was not of sound mind when the will was made and that he was not capable of understanding the nature of the will he made. The jury also said that he had not been unduly influenced in making the will. That was practically the only business of the court yesterday. A recess was then taken until Saturday morning when the final adjournment for the term will be taken. These docket orders were entered.

LAW.

William Stare, for use, etc., vs. O. B. Gorin, adm.; garnishee. Judgment on answer for \$60 and conditional. Judgment, etc.

CHANCERY.

James H. Parker et al vs. Nathan S. Walter et al; partition. Leave to file petition in nature of supplemental bill and continued for service as to Nathan S. Walter, summons and publication on his heirs' legatees, devisees, and unknown heirs.

Nancy A. Barker et al vs. Delters McAfee et al; partition. Master's report of proof and conclusions and referred for proof and conclusion.

Mary E. Tulley, et al vs. Charles F. Patterson et al; partition will. Verdict not of sufficient mind and memory to understand, etc. not unduly influenced, etc.

Ladies Aid.

The ladies of the Congregational Mayflower mission have organized a Ladies' Aid Society with the following officers:

Chairman—Mrs. J. M. Cray.
Vice Chairman—Miss Florence Lyon.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. E. E. Schimk.

Their first business attempt will be a bakery sale tomorrow at the Imboden market on Water street.

Births.

Born—To Bert Couklin and wife, 1127 North Church street, December 6, a son.

Born—To Bert Davis and wife, 362 West Wood street, December 6, a daughter.

Evening Wedding.

Darwin Keefe, of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Florence Fuller of Dubuque, Ia., were married by Justice O'Mara at his office at 9 o'clock last night.

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At Moweaqua.

Ray Hays, of Decatur, has opened a cigar manufacturing establishment in Moweaqua.

Convenes Monday.

The December term of the county court for law trials will convene on Monday next.

Administrator.

In the county court Thursday Otto F. Pritsch was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Anna Pritsch.

The Supervisors.

The board of supervisors will meet on Tuesday, December 12. Bills against the county should be presented not later than Wednesday noon.

Masquerade.

Miss Lapchester will entertain a party of friends at her home on East Marietta street this evening at a masquerade party.

Farewell.

The members of the Goodman band met yesterday and in a body escorted Herman Martin, the retiring treasurer, to the depot and started him on his trip to Denver.

On Promises.

Charles and Fred Patterson were released from jail yesterday on a promise to be good. The boys were in line in default of a fine which had been assessed for trespassing on Farmer Wetzel's land.

Dinner and Supper.

At the old Linn & Scruggs building on William street next Tuesday the ladies of St. John's Episcopal church will serve dinner and supper. In addition there will be a sale of aprons and fancy articles. All of the friends of the church are invited to attend.

At Galena.

G. W. Ruckle, the contractor who formerly resided in this city, is now located at Galena, Mo., and one of the papers of that city gives him a flattering notice for the erection of a handsome residence building he has just completed for one of the business men of that city.

Has two Girls.

Rev. R. C. Cpte, district superintendent for the Illinois Society for Homeless Children, has two girls for whom he is seeking homes. They are aged 7 and 8 years. Any one who desires to adopt children or take these girls on trial can learn more about them at the residence of Rev. Cpte at 1810 North Church street. He also has fifty boys ranging in age from infancy to 14 years.

Marriage License.

Oscar Nohl, Chicago, 27.
M. Madeline Anderson, Toronto, 24.
Albert F. Reid, Oregona, 24.
Bertha E. Crathers, Argenta, 20.
Baron Keep, St. Paul, 24.
Florence Fuller, Dubuque, 20.
Derrick R. Bradden, Maroa, 20.
Bertha L. Ferren, Maroa, 20.
August C. Herbig, Decatur, 29.
Miss Mary Koszcos, Decatur, 24.

Deaths Recorded.

Helen F. Summers to B. F. Slusher lot 10 in block 2 in Park Place addition to Decatur; \$75.
Marion May to Anna Ray May, lot 20 in block 1 in Oak Lawn addition to Decatur; \$600.
Joseph Michl to N. E. and E. L. Pegram lot 9 in block 3 in Lefogee & Patterson's addition to Decatur; \$200.
E. L. Pegram to Helen M. Summers lot 10 in block 2 in Park Place addition to Decatur; \$1.

Too Deep.

A few days ago Comptroller H. F. Robbins received a letter which had evidently been in search of an owner. It started from Kansas City and had been to Milwaukee and other places and finally tried Decatur. The comptroller was surprised at the contents. At first he thought the letter was written in shorthand. The more he looked the more familiar the characters became. Then he recollected that one time when B. Z. Taylor was mayor he had received a letter from Russia and the characters in that were quite similar to those in that letter. The comptroller called on one of his Jewish friends and submitted the letter and learned that the characters were Hebrew. The letter was sent back to the postoffice.

High School Notes.

The work of putting in the new furnace at the building began yesterday and will be pushed to completion. It was announced yesterday morning that the Christmas vacation would be of only a week's duration and the school will begin on Monday January 1. This announcement coming from the board of education does not give entire satisfaction to the students or the teachers.

Fred B. Grout who has been ill for several days is back in school again.

F. Aldridge is back in school after a day's illness.

The Decatur Musical Club held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon and the following programme was rendered: Piano solo, Florence Abel; piano solo, Helen Bachrich; vocal solo, Amy Howes; vocal solo, Bess File.

HIS LONG FAST ENDED

Death Comes to the Relief of Editor Robinson Who Went Sixty Days Without Food

WHAT A POSTMORTEM SHOWS

G. M. Robinson, who for a number of years past has been the editor of the Warrensburg Enterprise, died yesterday morning at his home in that village, after a long illness. For a period of nearly sixty days he had not tasted food of any kind. Some time ago Mr. Robinson took up the Dr. Dewey idea of doing away with breakfast as an unnecessary meal, and when he became sick he concluded that he would abstain from food entirely. He continued this practice for a period of forty days, during which time it is said he did not eat at all. He believed that in doing this his ailments would pass away. After forty days or more had passed Dr. Botts was called to see the sick man, and prescribed for him but Mr. Robinson declined to accept the physician's advice or to take his medicine. Dr. Dewey, the promoter and originator of the abstinence from food idea as a remedy for sickness, happened to be in the west and called on Mr. Robinson, and he advised that he be given food of some kind. Efforts were made to give him food but were unsuccessful in so far as doing him any good was concerned. The sick man's stomach was in such shape that he could not retain any of the food that was given him, although things that were the easiest digested were fed to him in small quantities. For sixty days he was practically without food.

The deceased was a native of Brown county, Illinois, and was 42 years of age. He came to Macon county ten years ago and took up his residence at Warrensburg, where he has since resided. For a time he taught school in the vicinity of that village, and a few years ago he established the Warrensburg Enterprise, which he has since conducted. He is survived by his wife and four children, two boys and two girls. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen in which order he carried an insurance of \$2,000 and of the Fraternal Army of America in which order he had a policy for \$1,000. The funeral services will be held today and the remains will be taken to Brown county for burial.

During the latter part of his illness, Mr. Robinson was irrational for the greater part of the time. It is not thought that his fasting was the real cause of his death.

Dr. Will Wood of this city and Dr. Merton of Warrensburg, held a post mortem examination yesterday morning and they found that the deceased had been a sufferer from general sepsis and necrosis of the liver. Mr. Robinson had wasted away during his sickness, until he was nothing more than a skeleton.

UP TO THE STANDARD.

Ladies of the First Methodist Church Entertain Flany.

The annual dinner and sale of the ladies of the First Methodist church was given yesterday at the church and was fully up to the standard they have established. There was a large attendance throughout the day. At noon there was a big crowd for dinner and the meal was composed of an abundance of good things to eat. The same is true of the supper and the affair as a whole was very successful. The following ladies had charge of the tables.

Table 1 was in charge of Mrs. John Armstrong, Mrs. Wikoff and Mrs. H. R. Maris.

No. 2—Mrs. K. H. Roby, Mrs. C. S. Lyles, Mrs. George Conard, and Mrs. Harry Conklin.

No. 3—Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Al Leach and Mrs. Corman.

No. 4—Mrs. Geo. Bright, Mrs. E. A. Morgan, Miss Whitehurst, Miss Ella Litsinger.

No. 5—Mrs. J. H. Sears, Mrs. Will Ferguson and Miss Gertrude Dill.

No. 6—Mrs. W. F. Calhoun, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. Frank M. Webb, Miss May Brown and Miss Calhoun.

No. 7—Mrs. Joe Starr, Mrs. Harry Starr, Mrs. W. C. Bullard, Mrs. Bivans, Mrs. E. A. Miller, Mrs. C. C. Radcliff and Mrs. C. G. Martin.

No. 8—Mrs. Mary Augustine, Mrs. Weigand, Mrs. C. T. Johnson, Miss Grace Hubbell and Miss Maude Evans.

No. 9—Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. James Flint, Miss Myrtle Flint, Miss Emily Hamsher and Miss Mattie Gorin.

No. 10—Mrs. Harry Snarr, Mrs. David Hanks, Miss Julia Park and Miss Edna Snarr.

Miss Emma Williams was in charge of the commissary department and the following were in charge of the kitchen:

Mrs. Milton Johnson, Mrs. W. C. Fitter, Mrs. Litsinger, Mrs. Reavis and Mrs. Millburn. Mrs. William Martin and Mrs. Tucker made the

coffee. Mrs. Henshie and Mrs. Wilson had charge of the bread and pies.

Mrs. Silas Packard and Mrs. W. C. Armstrong received at the doors.

The doll table was in charge of Misses Bessie Lutz, Ada Johnson and Maude Martin.

The fancy work booth was presided over by Mrs. J. B. Bullard. She was assisted by Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Swearingen.

The art department was in charge of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, Miss Ann Shuler, Mrs. Lutz, Miss Emily Hamsher and Miss Eunice Scott.

The domestic table was in charge of Mrs. J. M. Maris. She was assisted by Mrs. H. R. Maris and Mrs. S. P. Young.

Miss Balch, in charge of the home made candy table, did a thriving business.

GOING TO ASHEVILLE.

Dr. William L. Dunn Will Take Charge of the Winyah Sanitarium.

Dr. William L. Dunn will leave Decatur next Tuesday for Asheville, N. C., where he has accepted the position of head physician at the New Winyah Sanitarium, which has just been completed. He will have entire charge of that institution, assisted by a corps of physicians. This offer has been open to Dr. Dunn for several months past but he has only recently made up his mind to accept, the proposition finally made him being so favorable that he could not consistently decline it. The work of the position is ideal from a physician's standpoint. The sanitarium is devoted entirely to the care and treatment of persons afflicted with chest and throat trouble. The fact that Dr. Dunn has made a special study of tuberculosis fits him for the duties of the new position. He graduated from the Decatur High School in 1887 and then went to Ann Arbor, where he took a course in medicine and became the assistant professor in surgery. After that he went to Asheville, where he spent three years in experimental tuberculosis work. After that he went to Europe to further pursue his studies and to complete his education. He returned home about a year ago and took up the practice of his profession in this city, and in that short time he has built up a very flattering practice. Asheville has become a noted health resort, especially for persons afflicted with pulmonary complaints. Dr. Dunn's parents will remain in the city for a year but expect to join him at that time.

Episcopal Synod.

The Springfield Journal has this to say of the Episcopalian Synod held there during the week.

At the afternoon session the following committees and officers were elected: Standing committee, Rev. D. W. Dresser of Champaign, Rev. F. W. Taylor of this city, Rev. Johannes Rockstroh of Danville, Charles E. Hay, Bluford Wilson and Judge Allen of this city. Trustees, Judge Allen, Charles H. Bluford Wilson of this city, William B. Gilbert of Cairo and L. Burrows of Decatur. Delegates to provincial synod, Rev. W. Taylor, H. W. Ruffner of Decatur, Rev. Mr. Smith of Bloomington, Rev. Alexander Allen of this city, Rev. Johannes Rockstroh of Danville, J. H. Simmons of Bunker Hill H. S. Candee of Cairo, M. F. Gilbert, L. Burrows of Decatur. Board of commissions, H. S. Candee of Cairo, H. D. Moss and William Robertson of this city.

ROARING EARS

Caused by Coffee Drinking.

"I was twenty years old before I learned to like coffee but about that age I was occupied where I felt the need of a stimulant of some sort, and took up coffee in earnest.

When I tried leaving off coffee, sick headache invariably followed every breakfast without coffee, so I stuck to it, but other troubles set in. A serious catarrhal condition set in and grew worse until I began to lose sleep and the ears began that peculiar roaring sound, which continued steadily. I finally lost the use of one ear altogether, and the other one became very bad. "I am satisfied that coffee was the cause of the nervous troubles that showed in the loss of my hearing, for when I left it off and took up Postum Food Coffee, my hearing began to improve, and my general condition rapidly changed for the better. I feel less on a strain all the time. That terrible pulsation has practically left my ears; I sleep better; bowels are never constipated now as they were while I was using coffee. I am rapidly getting back to where I was seven years ago. You can imagine that I esteem Postum Coffee very highly indeed." Chas. Worrall, 622 Lawrence street, Topeka, Kansas.

Postum is a natural food drink, strong in the elements that build up the nervous system through the body. It would richly pay any one who is troubled with coffee drinking to leave off coffee and take Postum in its place. Sold by all grocers.

Thanks.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist church desire to extend their thanks to Henry Lyon for his kind donation of flour and to the Paragon Oil Co. for oil and to Frank Plumer for the donation of coffee.

MADE A NIGHT OF IT

The Members of the Retail Grocers Association Entertained Their Friends Last Night

SOME OF THE SPEECHES MADE

The members of the Grocers' Association entertained their friends last night at Harpstritt's hall on East Eldorado street. The occasion was the second annual banquet of the Association. There were nearly one hundred grocers and guests present.

The annual election of the Association was held early in the evening, the officers chosen being as follows: President, Henry Scille; vice president, John Washburn; corresponding secretary, H. S. Howes; financial secretary, Wm. Niedermeyer; treasurer, F. H. Bachman; directors, E. R. Culver, Joe Schoenle, Davis May, D. F. Kyle, L. S. Hall, J. G. Cloyd and Dan Dineen were chosen as delegates to the meeting of the state association in Rock Island in February.

During the hours of the banquet Alexander's orchestra of seven pieces furnished music and was for several selections warmly applauded.

The banquet was served by E. H. Bell of the Angle hotel, the menu being as follows:

Raw,	Oysters,	Stew
Celery,	Olives	
Cold Roast Beef,	Sliced Ham,	
Potato Salad,	Saratoga Chips	
Ice Cream,	Cake,	
Oranges,	Apples.	
Coffee,	Cigars.	

DAVE HUTCHISON responded to the toast "Decatur" being introduced by J. G. Cloyd who said because of the lateness of the hour he could not make the speech he had intended. The guests could never dream of the speech they had missed and would perhaps be glad if they did know.

In part Mr. Hutchison said that he knew about groceries only by paying the bills. The name of the city was what first attracted his attention and he thought of Stephen A. Decatur and his valor and he always associated with him thought of John Paul Jones. He wondered why the prairie city had been named for a sailor. The mention of the sailor inspired him to pay a splendid tribute to the heroes of the United States navy.

He complimented the Retailer's Association for having organized for social and business relations. The grocers followed the example of other classes and organized for business reasons the social relations following as a matter of course.

G. A. STADLER

spoke to the toast "Wholesale Grocer" was introduced not as a "sample lot" but as a time tried and tested article. Mr. Stadler said he had been in the grocery business twenty-five years and there were many troubles in the wholesale trade as well as in the retail trade. He could not understand why so many persons went into the grocery business. Their inexperience was sufficient explanation for the high percent of failures. The shams and deceptions of twenty-five years ago were not permitted now and the profits were not so great. The profits are small and the possibility of success depends on the volume done. Sugar is handled at an average profit of 42 cents per barrel and the retailer's profit is about on the same proportion. The manufacturer fixes the price at which goods may be sold by the jobber. The association of grocers is for the benefit of the jobber and retailer as well. It is to watch credits. The association has helped the financial standing of all its members because it has made it possible to keep tabs on those who try to beat the grocer.

The speaker declared that he never knew a more genial an pleasant set of fellows than the grocers of Decatur. If he should ever leave Decatur, and he doesn't expect to, he never expects to meet a more pleasant set of fellows than the grocers of this city.

A. P. COBB

responded to "The Retailers," and said he had done his share of "consuming" in the previous portion of the programme and declined to consume time in making a speech and pleaded that he was merely a grocer by brevet. His declining was one of the prettiest worded things of the evening.

THE SALESMAN

was responded to by Frank Leavenworth, briefly telling the trials of the salesman as well as some of the pleasant things in the business.

J. A. Davidson on "The Commission Merchant," Owen Scott, on the "Press," and W. L. Shellabarger on "The Miller," all spoke briefly because of the lateness of the hour.

The members of the association did themselves proud last night. There was only one fault to be found and that was that the start was late and that kept many of the guests longer than they had bargained for. However, no one complained because the supper was good, the music delightful and the speeches applause-provoking.

Altogether the second annual effort of the association may be marked as a distinct success.

PRESENTED A BEEF.

Deputy Sheriff Wilson Remembers the Miners.

From a number of the substantial donations being made by the citizens toward the miner's feast at the jubilee to be held Saturday night it is proved that the miners are to entertain a big crowd. Many large donations have been made but one of the best and most appropriate for the occasion was the presentation to the committee by Deputy Sheriff Wilson a fatted beef from the farm of Mr. Wilson. The deputy says of the gift that he wants to show appreciation to the miners for their good behavior during the recent strike.

The committee is busy getting things in readiness for the big feast and the building will contain the most animated crowd ever within its four walls on the night of the banquet. Many of the miners from the surrounding town will begin to arrive in the city tonight and there will be many visitors here to partake of the festivities.

HAVE NOT QUIT.

Hope to One Day Get a Franchise on Equal Terms.

The promoters of the new gas and electric lighting company have not given up hope of one day getting a franchise on terms equal with those of the Decatur Gas and Electric company.

One of the aldermen who was at first opposed to anything but a twenty year franchise has since the last council meeting called C. S. Hankins to his office and confessed that he had experienced a change of heart. He declares that he now recognizes the fact that it would be unfair to handicap the new company by imposing conditions which the old company did not have to meet.

Yesterday in speaking of the possibility of getting a franchise Mr. Hankins said: "We have not yet abandoned all hope of getting a franchise. It is certain that we do not want it unless we can have it on the same terms as the other company. It is merely a business proposition. We would be fools to attempt to go after business unless we were on terms equal with the old company. One must consider, too, that we have to start from the ground and build up. We will not deny that the council made a mistake in the first place in giving a ninety-nine year franchise and we insist that the present council will make even a greater mistake if the members insist that the ninety-nine year franchise of the old company shall be exclusive and practically that it is what it amounts to when petitions for a franchise are denied the privileges given the old company. We do not ask for a ninety-nine year franchise. All we ask is equal terms. Make our franchise expire on the same day that the franchise of the old company expires. That's not unfair. We will submit to the insertion of a clause which shall provide that if by any legal means at any time the city can revoke the franchise of the old company, our franchise shall expire at the same time. We ask only equality. The promoters of the plan are not trying to sandbag any one but want to come in and compete for business, believing that the field is a good one. One of the aldermen has changed his mind on the subject and now says that we ask nothing unfair. It may be that others will see the situation in its true light and that we will get the franchise we ask. If we don't get what we ask for it is certain that we will not take anything else. We are not unreasonable but insist only that we must have as good a show as the other people."

Coming Home.

Dr. Charles Bumstead is expected home from Philadelphia in a few days to visit his parents, Dr. Bumstead and wife. Dr. Bumstead has just completed his fourteenth month as physician and surgeon in the Philadelphia hospital. This young doctor's friends in this city will be gratified to hear of the success he has attained. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1893 he took a competitive examination for admission to the hospital and was successful in securing the position of resident physician and surgeon. This hospital has been known as Beckley's and is one of the largest in the United States. It has an insane department with 1600 mentally unbalanced patients now under treatment. There are usually about 5,000 cases treated in the hospital during the winter and during the stay of Dr. Bumstead there has been about 10,000 cases treated. Dr. Bumstead has been working in association with the greatest men of the medical profession in the state of Pennsylvania. This practice has been of great benefit to the young doctor.

Attachment Sustained.

In the court of justice O'Mara yesterday at noon the attachment suit of Charles Anthony vs. Daniel Radcliff was heard. The court sustained the attachment and gave judgment for \$34.23.

AMONG THE BOWLERS

Olympias Lead the League With Rough Rollers and Continentals Tied for Second Place

THE INDIVIDUAL SCORES TO DATE

The Continentals defeated the Latonias in three straight games at the Pa-time alleys last night, also scoring the greatest number of pins making a clean victory. The score of the evening was as follows:

Continental:			
Yanp.	129	137	153
Draper.	140	135	106
Young.	168	154	134
Mann.	116	103	128
Radcliff.	124	189	119
Totals.	653	718	642

Grand total—2045.
Strikes—30.
Spares—45.
Breaks—15.

Latonia:			
Bobb.	122	119	102
Wilkin.	117	138	129
Eramble.	98	133	131
Wiley.	124	122	109
Mitchell.	128	104	142
Totals.	589	616	613

Grand total—1809.
Strikes—16.
Spares—50.
Breaks—22.

STANDING OF CLUBS.

Played.	W.	L.	P.C.
Olympia.	18	13	5
Rough Rollers.	18	12	6
Continental.	18	12	6
Imperial.	18	9	9
Crescent.	18	9	9
Wabash.	18	8	10
Latonia.	18	7	11
Innocent.	18	2	16

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES.

The following are the individual averages of the members of the league:

IMPERIALS.			
Logan.	146	2-3	
Childs.	136	1-7	
Hall.	131	1-4	
Borchers.	128	5-17	
Arthur.	127	7-8	
Peniwell.	127		
Ellis.	125	7-9	
Dixon.	123	1-9	
Surface.	121		

INNOCENTS.			
Lindsay.	132	2-5	
Sewers.	127	1-8	
Leonard.	125	1-3	
Minich.	121	1-3	
Kowe.	120	1-3	
Montgomery.	115	1-6	
Schlem.	114		
Marcott.	112	3-4	
Farmer.	104	17-18	

WABASH.			
Handshy.	139	3-5	
Samplif.	135	7-8	
Karnes.	133	5-9	
Adkins.	131	5-9	
Cotter.	127	1-3	
Lorch.	118	1-6	
Shepherd.	114		

ROUGH ROLLERS.			
Metz.	156	7-9	
Kelly.	140	1-9	
Peck.	135	7-9	
Sheehy.	126	2-5	
Drake.	126		

OLYMPIAS.			
Starr.	151	2-9	
Kesler.	143	1-2	
Simpson.	137	5-9	
Dillehuat.	134	2-5	
Boyer.	129	5-6	
Clark.	129	1-3	

CRESCENTS.			
Stevens.	149	1-6	
Masterson.	147	1-18	
Beck.	140	5-12	
Widick.	131	17-18	
Davis.	129	2-3	

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